

VISION 2020 NATIONAL PARKS
RESTORATION ACT

MURKOWSKI (AND BUMPERS)
AMENDMENT NO. 2703

Mr. THOMAS (for Mr. MURKOWSKI, for himself and Mr. BUMPERS) proposed an amendment to the bill (S. 1693) to renew, reform, reinvigorate, and protect the National Park System; as follows:

On page 129 line 22 strike "without appropriation" and insert the following: "subject to appropriation"

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL
RESOURCES

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the public that an oversight hearing has been scheduled before the Full Energy and Natural Resources Committee to consider the issue of independence of Puerto Rico.

The hearing will take place on Tuesday, June 23, 1998, at 9:30 A.M. in room SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building.

For further information, please contact James Beirne, counsel at (202) 224-2564 or Betty Nevitt, Staff Assistant at (202) 224-0765.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL
RESOURCES

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will take place Thursday, June 25, 1998 at 2:00 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on S. 2146, a bill to provide for the exchange of certain lands within the State of Utah.

Those who wish to submit written statements should write to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510. For further information, please call Amie Brown or Mike Menge (202) 224-6170.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

Mr. KYL. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on Water and Power of the full Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will take place on Tuesday, July 14, 1998, at 2:30 P.M. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on S. 1515, "Dakota Water Resources Act of 1997"; S. 2111, to establish the conditions under which the Bonneville Power Administration and certain Federal agencies may enter into a memorandum of agreement concerning management of the Columbia/Snake River Basin, to direct the Sec-

retary of the Interior to appoint an advisory committee to make recommendations regarding activities under the memorandum of understanding, and for other purposes; and S. 2117, "Perkins County Rural Water System Act of 1997".

Those wishing to testify or who wish to submit written statements should write to the Subcommittee on Water and Power, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510. For further information, please call James Beirne, Counsel at (202) 224-2564, or Betty Nevitt, Staff Assistant at (202) 224-0765.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO
MEET

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL
RESOURCES

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be granted permission to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 11, for purposes of conducting a full committee hearing which is scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m. The purpose of this oversight hearing is to receive testimony on the Recreational Fee Demonstration Program.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, the Finance Committee requests unanimous consent to conduct a hearing on Thursday, June 11, 1998 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in room 215 Dirksen.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, the Finance Committee requests unanimous consent to conduct a hearing on Thursday, June 18, 1998 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in room 215 Dirksen.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 11, 1998 at 10:30 and 2:00 p.m. to hold hearings.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Labor and Human Resources, Subcommittee on Employment and Training, be authorized to meet for a hearing on "Child Labor" during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 11, 1998, at 9:30 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY RESEARCH,
DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION, AND REGULATION

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the subcommittee on Energy Research, Development, Production, and Regulation of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be granted permission to meet

during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 11, for purposes of conducting a subcommittee hearing which is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. The purposes of this oversight hearing is to receive testimony on the federal oil valuation regulations of the Minerals Management Service.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Immigration, of the Senate Judiciary Committee, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 11, 1998 at 2:00 p.m. to hold a hearing in room 226, Senate Dirksen Building, on: "Immigration and Naturalization Service reform: The Service side."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

E-RATE

● Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN. Mr. President, two years ago the Congress joined together in a bipartisan manner to help schools and libraries across the nation give students and children access to modern technology. The Telecommunications Reform Act of 1996 created a new partnership between the federal government, state governments, school systems, and the private sector to help bring all our classrooms into the 21st century. The bill expanded the universal service program—which has historically given people living in rural areas the chance to purchase affordable phone service—and created a new "e-rate" for schools and libraries. Creating that partnership was the most important act the 104th Congress took for elementary and secondary schools, and we have yet to match that achievement in this Congress. It was one of the most important steps we have taken toward ensuring that all our children will have the opportunity to learn the kinds of skills they will need to compete in the 21st century economy.

Our children need that kind of bipartisan support. When I was growing up, it was possible to graduate from high school and get a job as a police officer, a firefighter, or a clerk, and earn enough to raise and support a family. Mechanics used to train for their work on the job. The nursing profession used to consist of women who apprenticed in hospitals.

Times have changed. Now, if you want to be an airline mechanic, you need four years of college. Nursing is a degree program, and there are specialties of nurses who are highly and scientifically educated. An ad for a "maintenance technician" states the job requires an understanding of "basic principles of electricity, mechanical systems, and fluid power."